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COUNSELLOR-AT-LAW OPENS TOMORROW NIGHT

One of the events of the current season will take place tomorrow night at the Little Theatre when the Jewish Theatre Guild will present, under the auspices of the Young Peoples League, 'Counsellor-at-Law', by Elmer Rice. The play is under the direction of Mr. David Slover who has given Ottawa such well-known dramas, comedies, and tragedies as 'The Truth, Kibitzer,' Black Sheep, His Children, She Must Marry A Doctor, and other well known plays by distinguished playwrights.

One of the finest casts has been selected for 'Counsellor-at-Law' including Mr. I. L. Cohen, Marcia Caplan, Rose Clarlofsky and Jean Fleming in the leading roles. The remainder of the cast although cast in minor roles have important parts, in that, it is they that give the correct atmosphere, dramatic tension, and comedy relief for which Counsellor-at-Law is noted. The success of this particular play is established when it is considered that Paul Muni made his first big success on Broadway in this play. John Barrymore, who played the lead in the motion picture version of Counsellor-at-Law, also enhanced his success in this Elmer Rice's masterpiece.

Tickets for Counsellor-at-Law can be obtained at Cohen's Pharmacy on Rideau Street or at J. Davis & Co. on Sparks Street. Ticket plan will be moved to the Little Theatre on Saturday where late comers might exchange their tickets. It is urged to get your tickets now so that all who wish to see the play will have a choice seat.

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PAUL MARTIN AT Y.P.L.

At a meeting of the Y.P.L., held last Tuesday evening, Paul Martin, M.P. delivered a most inspiring talk on 'Whither Youth'. Mr. Martin stressed the fact that 'youth must have faith in itself'. He also stated that the government should endow scholarships to those students who are capable of undertaking higher studies but who have not the means with which to do so. He told how the youth in Germany and Italy were used for canine fodder in time of need.

HON. DAVID ROSE TO SPEAK AT B'NAI BRITH INSTALLATION

Hon. David A. Rose of Boston, Mass., Justice of the Municipal Court of the Dorchester District, will be Ottawa's guest on Monday evening, April 11th, when he will be the principal speaker at the joint Installation of Officers of B'nai Brith Ottawa Lodge and the Ladies' Auxiliary.

A member of the Palestine Society, Judge Rose is also on the Administrative Board of the New England Zionist Region. He is a past President of B'nai Brith Amos Lodge No. 27 and at present is Director of Arti-Defamation activities in District No. 1.

Judge Rose, who is President of the Big Brother Association of his city, will be the Installing Officer at Bn'ai Brith's foremost affair of the year, which is being held in the Ballroom of the Chateau Laurier. An excellent program of entertainment has been arranged to take place during the dancing. Mr. Edward Gittleson, President-elect of the Ottawa Lodge, will preside at the Dinner table.

The function will be honored with the presence of Rabbi and Mrs. Margolis.

PLANS MADE FOR A.Z.A. ANNUAL SABBATH DAY

Moses Bilsky Chapter of Aleph Zadik Aleph are making preparations for their annual 'A.Z.A. Sabbath' which will be held in the Rideau Street Synagogue on Saturday, April 9th. Services will begin Friday, April 8th with a sermon by Rabbi Margolis on 'Grandchildren of the Covenant' and will continue Saturday morning with the Sabbath service conducted by the A.Z.A. boys.

A.Z.A. Sabbath is commemorated throughout the world in all A.Z.A. chapters, be they in Shanghai, China, or Ottawa, Canada. As in the past the local boys will hold a symposium with the following members participating: Joe Lieff, Treasurer of the Eastern Canada Region of A.Z.A.; Israel Shinder, finalist in the regional debating tournament; and Herman Roodman, Advisor to A.Z.A. Subjects that have been selected include 'Youth and Judaism' and 'How Can Youth Best Serve Judaism.'

Final plans for A.Z.A. Sabbath will be announced in the next issue of the Bulletin and it is hoped that the youth together with their elders will reserve April 8th and 9th to celebrate with the local A.Z.A. boys their particular Sabbath.

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THIS SABBATH

Parshah Sazria

Schedule of Services

Kindling of Lights.....6.12 p.m.

Sabbath Eve Services.....6.20 p.m.

Sabbath Morning Services

Cong. Adath Jeshurun....9.00 a.m.

Cong. Agudath Achim.....9.00 a.m.

Cong. Machzikei Hadath....8.30 a.m.

Cong. B'nai Jacob.....8.30 a.m.

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DEDICATION TO DEFENCE

There are some worthwhile lessons to be learned even from our enemies. In Fascist countries, children are mobilized for the destructive art of war and hate as soon as they learn to walk. German and Italian youth are possessed and equipped by the state, at the tenderest ages, for those governments' own particular brand of bloody nationalism. This is an eminently noteworthy system, though tragically misdirected, for the assured preservation of any kind of nationalism. No matter what happens to the armies of today, the armies of tomorrow are guaranteed.

One of the arguments frequently advanced against Traditional Judaism is that its observance seems relegated to the elders of Israel. We remember an experience some time ago at a Jewish wedding. We asked the groom for his Hebrew name. "I'm afraid I'll have to ask my grandfather", was his reply. We could not resist the impulsive conclusion that had that grandfather not been spared to see the great wedding day of his grandson, it would have been necessary for the Rabbi to bestow a Hebrew name upon the lad, even as it is conferred upon a proselyte!

If there is a modicum of truth in the complaint that Orthodox Judaism is for old Israel alone to observe in this 'modern age', it is not because Judaism itself is at fault. The traditional maintenance of our historic faith is as new and as dynamic as time itself. The trouble is that too many of our modern, 'up-to-the-minute' parents cannot keep up with Judaism. Old age is a characteristic of **men**—but **man** is ever young. Arterio-sclerosis is a characteristic of old men—but not of an old-new faith like Judaism. The normal Jewish child, whose blood supply is rich and healthy, whose heart beats out a message of vigour and optimism to the youthful body and mind, is innately prepared for our resilient, adaptable Torah. The normal Jewish parent has but to see true parental duty.

This month, in Ottawa, is consecrated to Jewish Education. Our excellent Talmud Torah is a splendid training camp for full-blooded children of Israel, while the children of our enemies are trained in the temporal power of bombs and bullets. let us train our youth to bear the arms of Jewish honour with the courage that comes of Knowledge and Faith.

AROUND THE WRONG CORNER

When the inexorable cycle of time and experience brought the depression, the people whose wits could only measure and be measured by money lost their money, and consequently, their wits. Many gave up their lives rather than give up their limousines. And the masses clamored for 'normal times' to return. A normal livelihood, providing normal needs and comforts, was not considered 'normal'. It has become clear by now that the fortunes won and lost overnight cannot be recouped overnight. The real recovery indispensable to the veal of a nation is the recovery of mental and spiritual stability—the recovery of a true sense of values. It is foolish and futile to look 'around the corner' for prosperity. Rounding too many 'corners' has made us dizzy!

The trouble with most of us has been that we allowed the muscles of our souls to grow flabby, while our material development raced to early, malformed maturity. We grew too big—too fast. We built up society speedily, but insecurely. And even today, to diagnose our unhappiness, we take our business pulse, and read our temperature on financial charts and commercial thermometers. The physical structure of society may be in need of a certain amount of improvement; but this is a slow, arduous process, and cannot be achieved overnight. As a matter of fact, here lies our main difficulty. We are trying, within the brief span of a few years, to re-establish an inflated prosperity whose disintegration resulted from a sequence of disastrous over-investing, over-spending and over-indulgence.

Many are occupied in the hellish business of blasting away at the foundations of our best human ideals, dissemination destructive doctrines on every hand, planting the vile seeds of bigotry and race-hatred, and seeking to smash apart the strongly welded bulwarks of freedom that have endured so long and so steadfast in the face of all who strove to tear them down.

Only peoples and nations which expose themselves to the enervation of soul are susceptible to such subversive and destructive forces. Supineness of soul, whether in the case of individuals or of nations, is fatal. And the totally physical character of the new supernationalism that is gripping Europe in this unsettled hour is threatening the annihilation of the civilized world in a military holocaust unparalleled in history.

Thank God for granting us the privilege to live in a land where we are more free than in any other part of the world—free to live, each of us in accordance with the faith of his fathers—free in the safe assurance that we may walk with God along our private path, without turning aside from the broad and sheltered highway that is Canada.

William Margolis

PARSHAH POINTS

PARSHATH HACHODESH

This Sabbath is marked on the Jewish calendar and featured in the Synagogue as Parshath Hachodesh—'the Parshah Concerning The Month'. That portion of the Torah is read as the Maftir, which deals with the appointment of the month of Nissan as the chief month of the Jewish year.

This distinction is conferred upon the month of Nissan because it was during that month that the Jewish people were liberated from Egypt. Rabbinical allegories are replete with the symbol of Nissan—'The Spring Month'—as the indication of the spring season of Jewish nationhood. It was in this month that the seeds of the great Jewish Nation were sown, destined to bloom into a fruitful blossom in the universal garden of a great planter.

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FOR A KOSHER PESACH CHOMETZ MUST BE SOLD!

In accordance with time-honored Jewish law all Chometz must be disposed of by the morning of Erev Pesach.

For the proper fulfillment of this law the mere burning of the Chometz is not sufficient. There is much that remains in the home which Jewish law-makers realize could not very well be destroyed. Therefore, they evolved the rule that the Chometz must be sold to a non-Jew, through the agency of the Rabbi of the community, so that no Chometz, owned by the Jew, will be in his ownership during the Passover Feast.

The Ottawa Vaad Ho'Ir, maintaining Jewish usage, takes this means of requesting the head of each Jewish household in the city to see Rabbi Margolis sometime during the week of April 8th to 14th, to abide by the Jewish rule of 'selling Chometz.'

The Rabbi will be found at his residence, 275 Nelson Street, days and evenings during that week.

MAZOL TOV

To Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Greenberg, of 220 Friel Street, on the occasion of the engagement of their daughter, Sarah, to Mr. Joseph Richler, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. Richler, of Montreal.

To Mr. and Mrs. M. Tarantour, of 184 Osgoode Street, who were presented with the gift of a daughter, last Tuesday, in the Civic Hospital. May this daughter bring much happiness and joy to her parents.

To Mr. and Mrs. Saul Torontow, of 177 Goulburn Avenue, on the occasion of the birth of their first child, a girl, on Friday last, in the Civic Hospital. We extend our sincerest hope that this new daughter will bring much nachath to her parents.

To Mr. and Mrs. Lyon Cohen, 183 Friel Street, whose daughter, Riney, was married today in Annapolis, Md., to Mr. Mischa Zbar, son of Mr. and Mrs. Simcha Zbar, of Brisk, Poland.

May the Almighty grant the newlyweds a long life of happiness and contentment.

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GOOD HEALTH WISHES

To Mr. C. Caplan who is recovering after an illness in Rochester, and will return shortly with Mrs. Caplan.

To Mrs. W. Goldblum, of 475 King Edward Avenue, who has been ill at home. We hope Mrs. Goldblum will enjoy good health very soon.

To Mrs. Rose Sadinsky, of 14 Nelson Street, who recently underwent an operation in the Civic Hospital. We trust that Mrs. Sadinsky will be completely restored to health.

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PIANO RECITAL

The community at large is proud to learn that Miss Isobel Torontow, popular young lady and a talented young pianist, has risen to new heights in the realm of music.

Isobel, a pupil of Miss Gladys Ewart, will give a Recital in which she will have the opportunity of showing her natural musical ability. She has distinguished herself as a concert artist and will provide her audience with a delightful evening's entertainment in the Convention Hall of the Chateau Laurier Monday, April 4th, at 8.30 o'clock.

COMMUNAL NOTE-BOOK

by Mem Shin Hay.

Congratulations to Jack Koffman on the inaugural of his sport column in the Ottawa Citizen. As far as we know Jack is the only Jewish sport columnist in Canadian daily journalism.

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Barney Weiss, who is a patient in Water St. Hospital, had a very distinguished visitor wish him a rapid recovery to full health. The vistor was none other than Canada's leading citizen, Rt. Hon. W. L. MacKenzie King.

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Local Beauty Culturists commencing on their clienteles, pointed out that the Jewish people generally have the best kept finger nails. They also paid tribute to the crowning glory of the female sex, claiming that it is pleasure to set and arrange such thick and luxurious hair.

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Last week Mem Shin Hay mentioned that 1938 will see a large number of weddings in the community. Since then a number of young men must have popped the questions because we have heard of a number of new proposed mergers.

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On March 27th, Canadian Zionist-Revisionists held an important conference in the Chateau Laurier. Recognition was given to Moe Shainbaum of Ottawa for his outstanding work for Revisionism in being elected to a national secretariat of five, which will control the destiny of the organization until a national convention will be called.

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During the past week we saw and heard Joe Barrett being welcomed back to the city after a business sojourn in the North; Moe Appel feverishly making plans for a certain day in June; Bert Katz planning his trip to Winnipeg for the Dominion Drama Festival; Rabbi Margolis writing his excellent editorials at the printer's; Sam Baylin discussing the art of bowling; Edward Gittleson, President-elect of B'nai Brith, making plans for the coming season; a group of young people debating the burning question, who is Mem Shin Hay?; and many a Jewish housewife preparing for the Passover.

FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Every Sunday

Breakfast Club—Service and Breakfast for boys 13-17, at 9.00 a.m. sharp, Agudath Achim Synagogue Rideau Street.

Bath Mitzvah Girls—course in customs and ceremonies, at 10.30 a.m., Agudath Achim Synagogue, Rideau Street.

Hapoel Hamizrachi Hebrew Study Group from 4.30 to 6 p.m. Talmud Torah.

Saturday, April 2

Jewish Theatre Guild presentation of Counsellor-at-Law at Little Theatre.

Sunday, April 3

Regular monthly meeting of Congregation Agudath Achim, 2.30 p.m. in the Vestry Rooms of Synagogue.

Mrs. A. Brahinsky and Mrs. I. Lee will be hostesses at tea, under auspices of Ladies' Auxiliary Agudath Achim. Vestry Rooms of Synagogue, Rideau Street.

A meeting of the Agudath Achim Ladies' Auxiliary at 8 p.m. Vestry Rooms, Rideau Street.

Hapoel Hamizrachi meeting. At home of Mr. Sam Eptein, 166 Stewart Street. 8.30 p.m.

Monday, April 4

Regular meeting of the B'nai Jacob Ladies Auxiliary. Vestry Rooms of Synagogue, James Street.

Wednesday, April 6

The regular monthly meeting of the B'nai Brith Women's Auxiliary, Lodge No. 62, will take place at the Chateau Laurier, Salon C. 8.30 p.m.

Friday, April 8

A. Z. A. Sabbath. Agudath Achim Synagogue, Rideau Street, 9 p.m. Speakers — Rabbi Margolis, Herman Roodman, Joseph Lieff and Israel Shinder

Sunday, April 10

A. Z. A. Tea-Dance in Talmud Torah Hall. Proceeds to go to needy families for Passover.

TALMUD TORAH MARKS HEBREW EDUCATION MONTH

At a meeting of the Board of Education of the Ottawa Talmud Torah it was decided to inaugurate a Hebrew Educational Month, to begin activities immediately. A new class for beginners, from the ages of six to seven will be opened directly after Passover.

The progress of the Talmud Torah since last April is due, in a word, to the new curriculum and the untiring efforts of the staff. Thus it was made possible for the opening of new classes, including the Hebrew Kindergarten to be introduced shortly.

Parents interested in the future welfare of their children will register them now. Enrollment will be carried on in the Talmud Torah daily, from three to four o'clock in the afternoons, and from seven to eight in the evenings. Sundays, from nine-thirty to eleven in the mornings.

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A.Z.A. PASSOVER TEA DANCE

On April 10th A. Z. A. of Bn'ai Brith will hold the final Tea Dance of the season in the Talmud Torah Hall. It will be unique in the fact that the proceeds will go to supplying needy families with baskets of fruit for Passover. The whole community will be looking forward to this charitable as well as entertaining affair.

Music galore, refreshments, enticing entertainment, and everything to make this memorable affair go over the top.

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JUDEAN CONCERT POSTPONED

An error has been made with regard to the date set for the Judean Concert, which was to take place on Sunday, April 3rd. The Executive are now making plans for the arrangements of the Concert which date will be announced in the near future.

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THIS IS HEBREW EDUCATION MONTH. GIVE YOUR CHILD A TRUE JEWISH FOUNDATION. ENROLL YOUR CHILD NOW IN THE TALMUD TORAH. REGISTRATION IS GOING ON DAILY, FROM 3 TO 4 IN THE AFTERNOONS; 7 TO 8 IN THE EVENINGS; SUNDAYS, FROM 9.30 TO 11 IN THE MORNINGS.

J.D.C. CONTRIBUTIONS

$15.00

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$10.00

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$3.00

L. Abrahams, L. M. Bloom, M. Korn, P. Newman, Miss Fanny Pollock, M. Saslove, Jerry Silverman, S. Tanner, Harry Torontow.

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NOTE OF APPRECIATION

Dear Editor:

On behalf of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Ottawa Talmud Torah I wish to extend our thanks to the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Machzikei Hadath Congregation for their donation of forty-five dollars out of a private fund.

Their kind cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Bessie Slone,
Secretary.